## **REMARKS**

In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-8, 11-18, 21, 22, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37-39 and 42 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies for the purpose of reducing fees. Claims 1-42 are presented in this application.

Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information. Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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